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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2521

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FOR WFC AND ARA/MGT FROM AMBASSADOR

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TAGS: AFIN

SUBJ: DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATE CLASS B CASHIER AND INCREASE  
IN OPERATING CASH ADVANCE

1. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE URGENT ACTION ON THIS CABLE  
TO ENABLE POST TO GET ITS MONEY OPERATIONS ON A FIRMER  
BASIS AND PREVENT INSOLVENCY DURING COMING ABSENCE OF  
CLASS B CASHIER. I REGRET HAVING TO ASK FOR EMERGENCY HELP  
AND WE WILL TRY TO RUN THINGS IN THE FUTURE IN A WAY TO  
AVOID SUCH OCCASIONS.

2. CLASS B CASHIER, FSL JOHANNA VAN BRUSSEL, HAS BEEN  
ORDERED TO WASHINGTON FOR TWO WEEKS ARA BUDGET AND FISCAL  
WORKSHOP AND SHE DESIRES TO TAKE AN EXTRA WEEK'S LEAVE TO  
VIST FAMILY WHILE THERE, SOMETHING TO WHICH SHE IS  
EMINENTLY ENTITLED. TROUBLE IS THAT ALTERNATE CLASS B  
CASHIER, WHO IS POST ADMIN OFFICER, HAS ALSO BEEN ORDERED  
TO WASHINGTON FOR SAME WORKSHOP. THIS WILL MEAN DEPARTURE  
OF ONLY TWO PERSONNEL AT POST NOW AUTHORIZED TO HANDLE  
OPERATING CASH ADVANCE. ON OTHER HAND, THIS WORKSHOP  
IS ESSENTIAL FOR BOTH PERSONS, AND I AM MOST ANXIOUS THAT  
BOTH ATTEND BECAUSE OF REAL DIVIDENDS FOR FUTURE WORK.

3. THERE IS THEREFORE NO ALTERNATIVE, AS I SEE IT, TO  
RAPID APPOINTMENT OF A SECOND ALTERNATE CASHIER WHO WILL  
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TAKE OVER ACCOUNTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH 4 FAM 398.1-1. I HAVE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AS A USDO AND AM FORE FAMILIAR WITH FINANCIAL OPERATIONS THAN ANY OTHER PERSONNEL REMAINING AT POST, AND THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT WFC DESIGNATE ME AS ALTERNATE CLASS B CASHIER. LAST WORKDAY FOR VAN BRUSSEL BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON IS THURSDAY, APRIL 15, AND WE MUST EXECUTE TRANSFER OF ACCOUNTS BY THAT DATE.

4. SECOND AND LONGER RANGE PROBLEM IS SIZE OF CASH ADVANCE. PRESENT ADVANCE IS 10,000 GUILDERS. PAYMENTS VARY BUT APPEAR TO RUN ABOUT 7,000 GUILDERS A MONTH. VAN BRUSSEL HAS BEEN SUBMITTING REPLENISHMENT VOUCHERS WEEKLY OR BIWEEKLY BUT DELAY IN RECEIVING REPLENISHMENT CHECKS RESULTS IN CHRONIC LOW BALANCES ON HAND. FOR INSTANCE, I PERSONALLY REVIEWED ACCOUNTS THIS MORNING AND WE HAVE REPLENISHMENT VOUCHERS OUTSTANDING FOR NO LESS THAN 7,043 GUILDERS. WE HAVE BEEN PAYING OUT FOR FIVE DAYS SINCE LAST VOUCHER SENT IN, SO REMAINING CASH BALANCE IS ALMOST COMPLETELY DEPLETED. I KNOW THAT THE POUCH SCHEDULES SHOW 48 HOUR TRANSIT TIME FROM WASHINGTON TO PARAMARIBO, BUT THE FACT IS THAT OUR AIR UNCLASSIFIED POUCHES ARE TAKING A WEEK OF LONGER. WE WILL BE ADDRESSING THAT QUESTION SEPARATELY IN THE NEAR FUTURE, HOPEFULLY TO SET UP A FASTER ROUTING, BUT IN THE MEANTIME I HOPE WASHINGTON WILL URGENTLY APPROVE THE INCREASE TO SF 15,000 WHICH WAS REQUESTED IN PARAMARIBO 0259. ZURHELLEN

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